



# Boston City Council

## Committee on Government Operations

Maureen Feeney, *Chair*

March 19, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Committee on Government Operations held a hearing to discuss Docket #0249, Message and order authorizing the City's Management and Information Services Department to accept and expend a grant of \$1,906,439.10 from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), for the purpose of funding new computers, software and training in public computing centers throughout the City. This matter was sponsored by Mayor Menino, referred to this Committee on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 and heard at a public hearing on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at which public comment was taken.

Docket #0249 is an order to allow the Chief Information Officer of the Management and Information Services Department, on behalf of the City of Boston, to accept and expend a grant from the NTIA. The competitive grant was awarded through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

At the hearing, the City of Boston's Chief Information Officer Bill Oates, Program Manager Alice Santiago and Sr. Assistant Corporation Counsel Donna Sorgi testified before the committee.

Along with a twenty percent (20%) match by the City of Boston, the funds received from the grant would be used to purchase new computers and software and to provide employee training throughout the City of Boston. If the order is adopted by the City Council, three agencies will receive the grant funding - the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, the Boston Public Library and the Boston Housing Authority - over the course of two (2) years. Most of the funds would be used to purchase equipment to replace nonfunctioning or outdated computers. Funds would also be used to hire personnel to provide training to employees.

The Committee on Government Operations, to which the following was referred:

**Docket #0249      Message and order authorizing the City's Management and Information Services Department to accept and expend a grant of \$1,906,439.10 from National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), for the purpose of funding new computers, software and training in public computing centers throughout the City**

based on information presented at the hearing and public comment gathered by the Committee and having considered the same, the Chair respectfully recommends that this matter **ought to pass**.

Maureen Feeney, *Chair*  
Committee on Government Operations



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THOMAS M. MENINO

February 9, 2010

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,906,439.10 from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the purposes of funding new computers, software and training in public computing centers throughout the City of Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purposes for which these funds were granted.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor of Boston

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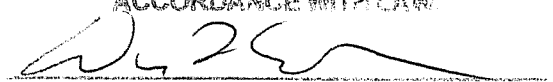
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**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,906,439.10 FROM THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA) THROUGH THE BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 TO FUND NEW COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE AND TRAINING IN PUBLIC COMPUTING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BOSTON**

**ORDERED:** That the Chief Information Officer of the Management and Information Services Department, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a grant in the amount of One Million, Nine Hundred Six Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,906,439.10) from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the purposes of funding new computers, software and training in public computing centers throughout the City of Boston.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

  
WILLIAM F. SINNOTT  
CORPORATION COUNSEL. SPN

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CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 2010

THE COMMITTEE/CHAIR Government Operations  
RESPECTFULLY REPORTS THAT THE MATTER  
WITHIN OUGHT

to pass

Chairman  
CHAIR

ACCEPTED,

CITY CLERK